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SUBJECT: EXERCISE PHIBLEX 2-7T

REF: (A) STATE 201143 (DTG 122337Z AUG 76), (B) CJUSMAGG
121145Z AUG 76) (NOTAL), (C) CJUSMAGG 121644Z AUG 76 (NOTAL)

1. BY REF B, WHICH CROSSED WITH REF A, WE REPORTED OUR
USE OF THE APPROVED PHIBLEX 2-7T GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO
AN AP QUERY. PRESS REACTION TO THAT STATEMENT SO FAR HAS
BEEN FAIRLY OBJECTIVE, ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC DATES AND EXACT
LOCATION ARE NOW IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

2. DCM STEARNS SPOKE WITH MINDEF AVEROFF ABOUT THE FORE-
GOING, AND ADVISED HIM WE WOULD REFER ANY FURTHER PRESS
QUERIES ON THEPHIBLEX TO THE GOG PER REF C. (OUR CONCERN
IS THAT WE AVOID AN OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE EXER-
CISE WHICH COULD LEAD TO A GOG-INITIATED CANCELLATION.)
AVEROFF, WHILE WORRIED THAT "EXTREMIST ELEMENTS" MIGHT
NOW ORGANIZE A "RECEPTION" FOR THE MARINES, GAVE NO
INDICATION THAT HE WANTED TO CANCEL THE EXERCISE.

3. I DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD UNILATERALLY
CANCEL OR DEFER THE EXERCISE AT THIS POINT - ALTHOUGH I
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ALSO AM MORE THAN A LITTLE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT IT.

4. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT THE UNSC DEBATE IN NEW YORK SHOULD
DEVELOP IN A WAY WHICH LEADS TO A STRONG GREEK REACTION
AGAINST THE US, WE MAY HAVE TO REVIEW THE SITUATION.
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